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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/625,520

Applicants: Shigeo FUJISHIRO, et al.

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For: IMAGE CODING APPARATUS AND METHOD,
AND PROGRAM AND RECORDING MEDIUM

Group Art Unit: 2624

Examiner: Anh H. DO

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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The code Statement of Reasons for Allowance included at page 2 lines 13-16 of the Notice of Allowance states that:

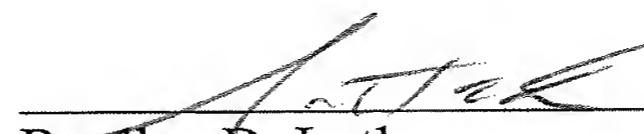
The present invention provides a new apparatus, method and computer readable recording medium, capable of coding a code block by three coding passes at higher speed with reduced time taken by the SP pass (see specification, page 8, second paragraph).

Applicants note that this summary of the invention section of the Applicants' specification is directed to a specific embodiment which cannot be used to limit the plain language of the claims. For example, the claims embrace "a plurality of coding passes" and are not limited to "three coding passes" as described at this portion of the specification.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a revised Statement of Reasons for Allowance be issued without reference to the subject matter not stated in the claims.

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